UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA WESTERN DIVISION

| SHARON LEE on behalf of herself individually, and on behalf of all others |) |
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| similarly situated, |) |
| Plaintiff, |) |
| |) |
| v. |) Case No. 5:19-cv-00156-BO |
| ARGENT TRUST COMPANY, CHOATE |) |
| CONSTRUCTION COMPANY ESOP |) |
| COMMITTEE, CHOATE CONSTRUCTION |) |
| COMPANY BOARD OF DIRECTORS, |) |
| WILLIAM MILLARD CHOATE, DAVE |) |
| PRIESTER, COMMITTEE DEFENDANTS (John |) |
| and Jane Does 1-10), BOARD DEFENDANTS |) |
| (John and Jane Does 11-20), and SELLING |) |
| SHAREHOLDERS (John and Jane Does 21 |) |
| through 35). |) |
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| Defendants. | , |

NOTICE OF APPEARANCE

Pursuant to Local Civil Rules 5.2 and 83.1(e), **Barbara A. Smith** of the law firm of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP hereby enters her appearance as attorney of record for Defendant Argent Trust Company ("Defendant"), in the above-captioned case. All pleadings, notices, orders, and other documents to be served in this matter should hereafter be served upon the undersigned counsel.

Dated: May 10, 2019 Respectfully submitted,

By: /s/ Barbara A. Smith

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 10, 2019, I electronically filed the foregoing **NOTICE OF APPEARANCE** with the Clerk of Court using the CM/ECF system, which will send notification of such filing to counsel of record for Plaintiff.

| /s/ Barbara A. Smith |
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Respectfully submitted,